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REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the status of developmental activities in rural areas to work out appropriate strategic for accelerating growth in agriculture and related non-crop sector through a comprehensive policy measures/ package;

(b) if so, the details of the trends revealed therein; and

(c) the details of the New Agricultural initiatives for thrust areas, particularly for non- green/dry and farming?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan has, insofar as agriculture sector is concerned, identified several areas for accelerating growth in agriculture and allied sectors. These include a step up in public investment particularly in irrigation and water resource management; reforming and rejuvenation of support and delivery system; improvement in the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme; modification in the marketing laws in the States to facilitate contract farming; and giving major priority for demand management of milk and milk products.

(c): The new initiatives include launching of National Horticulture Mission for doubling the horticulture production by 2011-12 and formulation of programmes for enhancing the sustainability of dryland farming systems and micro-irrigation for efficient utilization of available water resources.